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Looks like IDEM/IFA, EC, and CH2M are not that close to a contract to do LSLR.

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**Subject:** Lead Service Line Replacement Meeting Notes

Good Morning Everyone,

As you are aware, Tom Alcamo and I met with representatives from the City of East Chicago, Indiana Finance Authority, and CH2M yesterday regarding lead service line replacement work at the USS Lead site. Below are the attendees and combined notes from the meeting from Tom and myself.

Attendees:

Greg Crowley – Crowley Engineering/City of East Chicago Utilities

Philip McKie – Crowley Engineering

Diana Schmoe – Crowley Engineering

Deb Backhus – Backhus Consulting

Herby Cruz – Cruz Consulting

Carla Morgan – Attorney, City of East Chicago

Abdul Zehraoui – City of East Chicago

William Allen – City of East Chicago

Patti Bodnar – City of East Chicago

Jim McGoff – Indiana Finance Authority

Paul Arps – CH2M

Theo von Wallmenich – CH2M

Linda Mohr – CH2M

Notes:

- The IFA is planning to fund lead service line (LSL) replacement for 438 homes in Zone 3 (contaminated and uncontaminated properties) over two construction seasons.
- The IFA did not discuss work in Zone 2 but they did indicate in the meeting that they would like to coordinate work in Zone 2 also but its focus has been on Zone 3 (EPA explained our plan is to complete 120 properties in Zone 3 and 72 in Zone 2).
- EPA stated that we can begin discussions whenever they are ready regarding Zone 2.

- IFA is funding this work through the revolving fund and money is in place for this LSL replacement to begin.
- Contracting between CH2M and the owner is only at the beginning stages. IFA has not decided if they will be the owner or the City of East Chicago. CH2M has discussed with the IFA its terms and conditions but CH2M has had no discussions with the City of East Chicago on contracting issues.
- CH2M is not fully committed to this project until they get much more information from the IFA and the City.
- CH2M did suggest that coordinating the LSL replacement with the remediation may not be the most efficient way to do the LSL replacement but further discussion is necessary. City was strongly supportive of coordinating the remediation and LSL replacement.
- A major issue that will need to be discussed is the soils under the streets and sidewalks that may be contaminated with lead/arsenic. They will need to dig into the streets to reach the water main and soils contaminated with lead/arsenic could result. Our agreement under the CD and ASAOC does not address this issue.
- CH2M expects that once they have a signed contract with the owner, it is likely at least 2 months before they can begin work.
- City has little information on which properties have lead lines.
- The week of April 17, IDEM will be proving water filters and two replacement cartridges for residents in Zone 3 and Zone 2.
- It appears that City has discussed with IDEM the results of our pilot study and that they have made a determination that our excavation work has influenced the lead in drinking water. We disagreed with them on that point.
- Lead service line replacements requires final inspection by a plumber and the city
  - The city currently uses a plumbing contractor for inspection
- The City reiterated their goal of minimizing impacts on the residents, and stressed the importance of communicating the activities that will be occurring
- There has been informal communication between city resident groups and the city, via city consultant Cruz Consulting, regarding lead service line replacement. However, there has been no formal communication regarding the matter.

If you have any questions, please let Tom or myself know. Also, if there is anyone else that should receive this information, please forward to them.

Thank you!

Cordially,

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